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The OSCE continues to contribute, within the framework of its mandate, to the promotion of equality between women and men, according to existing commitments and international obligations.

Advancement in any professional field should be mostly determined by the level of qualification. We have repeatedly emphasized that achieving such equality is an important goal. At the same time, its implementation – both within the Organization's bodies and by the participating States – should not be focused only on numbers.

As for the United Nations Security Council resolution 1325. Its scope is quite clear and limited by improving the situation of women in armed conflict that threatens international peace and security, as well as in post-conflict rehabilitation. This resolution can hardly be used as a universal instrument for promoting the participation of women in all spheres of public life. But it is certainly very important in its niche of enhancing the role of women in the prevention and settlement of armed conflicts, and in post-conflict reconstruction.

We would like to recall that in implementing resolution 1325 and subsequent resolutions, the coordinating function unquestionably remains with the United Nations, and we should not duplicate its work.

We are nevertheless willing to continue to assist in improving the situation of women, defending their human rights and ensuring their effective participation in peace processes.

Thank you for your attention.